



## **UHP, UDOT issue travel guidance for July 4 driving**

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*Press release*

SALT LAKE CITY -- The Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) are encouraging drivers to use extra caution over the July Fourth holiday and plan ahead for travel especially through construction work zones. To help ensure safety through these zones and on the roadway, UHP will be visible throughout the weekend paying particular attention to speed limit observance, motorcycle safety, impaired driving and seatbelt usage.

"Our goal is zero fatalities during the holiday weekend, but this requires a commitment from everyone traveling on Utah roads," said Colonel Daniel Fuhr. "Watch for motorcyclists, report impaired driving and move over for Troopers assisting and serving fellow travelers."

UHP encourages drivers to be respectful and courteous of other travelers and to observe posted speed limits, particularly in construction zones. Motorcyclists are asked to wear proper safety equipment and take necessary precautions. Travelers should be aware that 80 percent of all incidents involving a motorcycle result in injury or death; wearing a helmet is critical. Other concerns with holiday celebrations are impaired drivers and seatbelt usage. There is a no tolerance law for drunk driving in force.

To keep traffic moving during the weekend, UDOT will stop construction activities starting Friday, July 2 until Monday, July 5, although existing restrictions will remain. Drivers will still see narrowed lanes, closed shoulders, lane shifts and reduced speed limits especially on I-15 from Weber County to Utah County.

"We anticipate many traveling over the weekend who will be driving out of town and will be unfamiliar with existing restrictions," said UDOT spokesperson, Adan Carrillo. "We advise travelers to plan ahead and use extra caution through active construction zones."

UDOT is particularly working closely with Provo Freedom Festival and Stadium of Fire organizers to coordinate traffic signals and move people efficiently to and from the events through construction on the Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE). Drivers can stay informed on construction activities statewide at [udot.utah.gov](http://udot.utah.gov) and click on "Know Where, Know Why."

*(Courtesy Utah Department of Transportation)*